#18,044. 1-28-32.

Dear Sir:-

MS of mine, named below, is at your disposal for anytime use in your paper at your individual valuation, applied in subscription to my address; the same to stand, Stop on expiration. Also six extras of the containing issue delivered here.

If available, cover with receipt. If not available, please return promptly, unmarked and unmarred.

Thanks, Hy T. Scholl

Rev. Henry T. Scholl,
#33 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, New York.

Enclosure:-

A Lenten Study.

The SHOREHAM

Resort Hotel in the Nation's Capital

Washington, D.C.

Jan 28.1932.

The Presbyterian,

Dear Dr Robinson,

I am sorry that you did not find a place for my no[illegible] note addressed to you in correction of your report from Washington in yr issue of Jan 7. Injustice was done to the young man who was recd into the presbytery and licensed. His answer, as I wrote, gave no indication that he would use his right to preach to discredi[illegible] the virgin birth of our Lord, but the contrary.

Of course, it is too late now to make the correction. One high in official authority in the Presbytery whom I met the other day said to me "Did you see the notice in the Presbyterian about the young man who was recd into the presbyery and licensed recently"; etc

I am yours truly, David S. Schaff

David S. Schaff.

Already in print
Will be used in
~~Jan~~ Feb 4th issue

TREE to TRADE

THE RACQUETTE RIVER PAPER COMPANY

POTSDAM, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 24,1932

Rev. W. C. Robinson
The Presbyterian
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Parson:

Many thanks for your note.

There was altogether too much fuss made over that incident in New York. I do feel that I was right and the only reason that my proposed resolution was not sustained was the fear of antagonizing certain special interests that were enjoying temporary advantage over domestic pulp mills.

Many pulp mills in this country are closed down and men idle because of the exchange differential between the Scandinavian countries particularly, and America, permitting them to dump their chemical pulp here at prices very much below the domestic cost of production.

I inclose a copy of my resolution which I rather think went "over their heads".

I agree with you that these are tough times for business as well as for editors and churches. We are having difficulty in meeting our church budget this year such as never known before, but this is no time for discouragement. We will work out of it somehow.

With best regards from "Mary Howes" and myself.

Very truly yours,

George W. Sisson

MM:GWS.Jr.

Resolution offered by Geo. W. Sisson, Jr., at the annual meeting of the American Paper and Pulp Association, Feb. 18th, 1932:-

WHEREAS, American Industry is faced with intricate problems of international finance, which influence not only domestic production but particularly the social and economic institutions dependent thereon, and also import and export commerce, and

WHEREAS, proposed solutions of these problems appear to vary in their possible effect on different industries and groups within a single industry,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the American Paper and Pulp Association expresses its full sympathy and accord with efforts under way to correct the deplorable situation in American Industry resulting from the present dislocation in international finance, and urges participation and support of such studies and such effective legislative action as will assist in the restoration of stability to American Industry.

February 25, 1932

Mr. W. C. Silcox,
1829 Franklin Boulevard,
Portsmouth, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silcox:

I have your letter of February 23rd. I can not give the full information concerning the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. I have sent your letter of Mr. H. P. Ford, who knows Philadelphia Church history as well as any manyI know. I hope he will send you a letter giving the information you desire.

Yours most sincerely,

Editor.

WCR/C

ASHLAND, VIRGINIA.
February 17, 1932.

Dear Editor:

As the enclosed article pertains to an anniversary, perhaps you can use it as a special feature in some issue of your paper. I am sending it to some other periodicals, and if you can allow 50¢ or a dollar for it, it will be appreciated. If it can be used only on condition that it be gratis, go ahead and use it free of cost.

Cordially yours,

H H Smith

289 10th.St.Portland,Ore.Feb.10th.1932.

Dear Dr.Robinson:-

I wish I could somehow make you realize how surprised,disappointed and grieved I was,so soon after my recent letter was mailed to note in"Comments and Timely Topics"in your issue of Feb.4th.your characterization of "Christianity Today"and"The Banner".

I had to turn to my dictionary to assure myself that my understanding of the words was correct. "Viciously suspicious""corrupt""depraved""wicked".

And this must refer to "Christianity Today",as surely the"too complacent" must to The Banner".

My hopes seem utterly blasted. Forgive me for meddling. If you still feel good over your characterization,it will doubtless come out in future Editorials and"Comments",and I shall know where to look for consolation.

Blessed be His Holy Name,THE WORD,which is ever new,while it often condemns,never disappoints,and my reading outside will grow narrower,and become sweeter and more intense within ITS sacred pages.

Yours in humiliation and sorrow,

W. G. Smith.

February 15, 1932.

Mr. L. S. Schell,
73 East Street,
Oneonta, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find all the policies which I have. I have been much pleased with the Twin Mutual Company but hope the new one will be as good.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

February 8, 1932.

Mr. Rufus L. Sisson,
Potsdam,
New York.

My dear Mr. Sisson,

I thank you for the letter with the printed enclosure. I have felt very deeply for Ruth in the hard time that she has had to pass through but, as you say, she is a strong spirit and will carry through successfully. I will be very glad to send her a letter.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

Personal

Gork, Pa, Feb. 8th 1932.

Dear Dr Robinson;

In my conviction that the main cause of the lamentable failure of the "modernist" pulpit to make any worthy and adequate impact upon the pew, or the world, I wrote an article for The Presbyterian Last week on the "Indispensible Office-Function of the Holy Spirit in World Evangelization", which, by reason of the "opp. information" of my 79 years, fell so far from meeting my own aspirations and approval that I put it in my waste basket, rather than to submit it to you for publication, I did this, however, in the fond hope that I might prevail upon you to embody the substance of it in one of your incomparable editorials in a far more effective form, spirit and manner, than I am able to do.

What I endeavored to say was that the "average" "modernist" pulpiteer, in spirit, prayer and

[illegible] would seem to give no more evidence that "The Holy Spirit had been given" than did the Ephesian Church of Paul's day!

(2) That this Holy Spirit, in our dispensation, is an exclusively the Revealer of God and of Christ and of His gospel as was the Father in the flesh in His day and mission, and in His communion to His Ambassadors to preach to, and evangelize, this world unto "the end of the age."

3. That Christ promised presence to "be with them" as their enclosement for this evangelizing task to be so in the person of the Paraclete whom He would send for that exclusive purpose and mission.

4. That "without Him", in the person of this Paraclete, our preaching would be in vain, as but "sounding brass and a clanging cymbal"

5. That Two Thousand years of Christendom was in evidence as to the infallibility of Christ's promise and declaration of the absolute necessity of the Holy Spirit to render our preaching of His gospel effectual to world evangelization!

6. That unless Christ's Ambassadors, accordingly, recognize, utilize, honor, worship and depend upon the Holy Spirit their preaching teaching and exemplification of the gospel is impotent; if, indeed, it does not constitute an evidence of their disqualification for the sacred office of the ministry and a rejection of, and a "sin against the Holy Spirit"!

7. That the essential and exclusive office of the Holy Spirit is as—
(1) Convictor of sin; (2) Convertor from sin; (Regenerator) (3) Teacher of spiritual Truth;
(4) Guide into all spiritual Truth; (5) Sanctifier, through the Truth.
(6) Endeavor of all spiritual power, and as
(7) The Glorifier of the saints in Heaven.

If the above facts commend themselves to you, I submit this enquiry — were they ever more essential to the salvation of the church and the world; or more worthy of editorial consideration and and proclamation through the religious press

them in these tragically desperate days of "famine for the word of God" because of the Church's failure to supply it so as to make it "the wisdom and power of God unto salvation," (through the Holy Spirit) to "the healing of the hurt" of sin in the body, mind and soul of every man throughout God's "groaning creation"[2].

Please accept sincere gratitude and congratulation upon the spirit, substance and manner with which you are editing and conducting the Presbyterian and my regret that I cannot aid and serve you as my heart yearns to do.

No paper in our beloved Church is, (or ever has been) more faithful in its allegiance to "the faith once delivered" and, to the standards of the Presbyterian Church, or more effective in promulgating and and commending them. My prayers for you in III John 2. Amen.

Fraternally Yours

J. A. Livingston Smith

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POTSDAM, N. Y., Febr. 6, 1932.

W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
% The Presbyterian
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Robinson:-

Your letter of the 4th, and telegram also, received. As you may well understand, the death of Mr. Bynum, whom we always called "Jeff" was a very serious blow to us all. I had a letter from him but three weeks ago, in which he expressed the feeling that he was coming on very fine and was about to be allowed to sit up for an hour or two. However, he must have had a chill, and an attack of pleurisy started which caused the final break. He suffered a stroke which paralyzed his entire left side, and the blood stream was effected, leaving very little chance for his recovery. In fact the Doctors gave Ruth no hope after that.

Ruth has been under a strain now for the past three or four months, but has carried on with the greatest fortitude. The little boys, Buddy is now in his ninth year, and Rufus Sisson two and onehalf years old. Jeff was a great father to these boys, and in his position would have been a wonderful help to them in their formated years. You know and I do that Ruth is an exceptional type of woman and will carry on very well when she gets things straightened out.

Mrs. Sisson, Walter, Rufus and Dorothy (his wife) were there in time for the funeral. In fact Walter went down ahead of Mrs. Sisson and Rufus, while Dorothy had been there for a few days with Ruth prior to the others.

The papers here have but little to state with reference to Jeff, but the Chapel Hill papers will undoubtedly be more complete. I send you a clipping from the Herald-Recorder.

I am sure Ruth will be glad to have you write her at your opportunity, simply addressed to Chapel Hill, N. C.

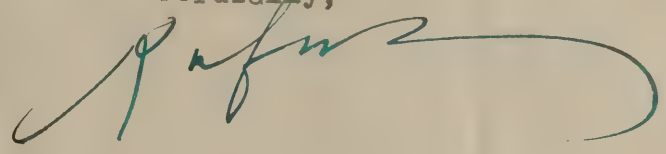
Speaking of myself, I feel that I am some better, and expect to go south in a few days now and be with Mrs. Sisson and Ruth for a week or so, then continue further south. We have no plans further than that for the present, in fact don't know where we shall go from Ruth's, but it will be somewhere where the weather will be much pleasanter than up here in the north. We will close our house

and Miss. Coffin will either go to the Arlington for the winter, or to Ogdensburg.

With sincere regards to yourself and Mrs. Robinson.

RLS:J

Cordially,



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DUE WESTPHILADELPHIA TEN SIXTEEN WILL COME FROM THERE

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1316 [illegible] St. N. W.
[illegible], D. C.,
Feb. 7/32

Rev. Dr. [illegible]:-

Dear Sir:- Will you please write on this enclosed postal [illegible], the address of Rev. [illegible] Van Dyck, D.D., as he is a [illegible] of [illegible], whom we have not seen in a long time and [illegible] [illegible]

and I want to write to him about
his excellent article on "What is my
Church to me!" in the Presbyterian of
Feb. 4/32 - I just wish to say
that we value your excellent paper
very highly, and read it from cover to cover
every Sunday afternoon with great
profit. Thanking you, I am,
Respectfully, (Miss) Carrie Goode -

February 4, 1932.

Mr. Rufus L. Sisson,
Potsdam, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rufus,

It was indeed a shock to receive the telegram yesterday concerning Ruth's husband. I knew he had been very ill but supposed and hoped that he had recovered. The poor girl has had hard trials. I wish I could do something to help her in this ordeal. I would like to know more of the details. I wonder whether the burial will be at Potsdam or at Chapel Hill. It is good that your wife and sons were with Ruth. That would lift the burden very greatly. I did not know "Jeff" very well having seen him only a few times but dear Ruth has been one of my beloved favorites since her infancy. Please let us know as much as you can get time to write concerning her and her plans. I am not sure as to her children. I think she has one anyway and perhaps more. Mrs. Robinson and I were talking last night and thought that probably she would return to Potsdam. I thank you for sending me the wire indicating that you still think of us as in the circle of your family. I am sure you have no one who cherishes that privilege more.

I am wondering also about your own health. The last I knew you had gone to Montreal. Evidently, you did not feel equal to going to North Carolina. Please write us fully about yourself and extend our warmest sympathy to Ruth and the whole family and our love to your entire circle.

Most cordially yours,

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REV W COURTLAND ROBINSON=

CARE THE PRESBYTERIAN 1217 MARKET ST

PHILADELPHIA PENN=

RUTHS HUSBAND PASSED AWAY AT THREE THIS MORNING IN DUKE HOSPITAL DURHAM FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS FROM PNEUMONIA MRS SISSON WALTER RUFUS AND WIFE ARE WITH HER AT CHAPELHILL=

RUFUS L SISSON.

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

The SHOREHAM

Resort Hotel in the Nation's Capital

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 2 - 1932.

My dear Dr. Robinson. I misplaced or by mistake destroyed your letter. And the preparation of a paper for our Ministers' meeting & the reading of it yesterday diverted my mind from the [illegible] I have been intending to write.

You must excuse my delay.

When I wrote, I felt that the delay in the appearance of my note would take away from any interest it might otherwise have had.

I want you to understand the temper in which I wrote. I did not mean to com[illegible] much less to argue on the great responsibility a newspaper editor has for he must receive many communications it would not be expedient to ~~appear~~ print [illegible] rare cases, as I suppose, he can not admit a contradiction to the statement of a regular

correspondent. My commination I've worded as to avoid as much as possible any clash with Mr. Ragleson's statement.

With my very Good regards

Yours truly

David G. Sheaff.

February 1, 1932.

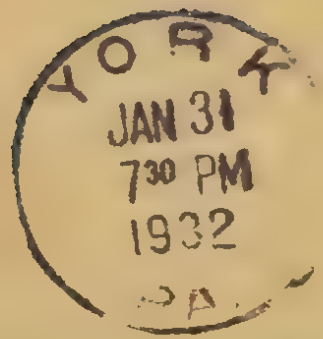
Mr. L. H. Plumb, Secretary,
43 Exchange Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your literature relative to the Protective Committee of the American Community Power Company Security Gold Debentures. My bond is in Delhi, New York, in a safe deposit vault. I notice you call for immediate deposit but I am unable to comply with that. From all that I now know I will be willing to put it in the hands of the Protective Committee but I cannot do so before April. I notice that the receiver has already been appointed but I judge that the January coupons were paid. My present address is 1217 Market Street, Philadelphia, where I will be until about April first.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Ed. The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.
Phila.
Pa.

Dr Robinson,

York, Pa, Jan. 31. 1932.

Dear Dr Robinson:

Please accept my grateful appreciation of your editorial endorsement of all that I had in mind and on my heart in my recent commendation of Dr Matthews, as a type of the "prophet" our time demand. The Church's failure to make any adequate appeal to the despairing world of our day is due largely if not wholly to the lack of spiritual "authority" and "endorsement" upon which evangelistic preaching is absolutely dependent in our own and in every age. It would indeed seem that many of our leaders in pulpit and pew have never so much as heard that

"The Holy Spirit has been given."

January 29, 1932.

Rev. David S. Schaff,
The Shoreham,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schaff:

I do not quite understand your letter. We have a great mass of material that comes in and are not able to print all immediately. Your letter is, I believe, already in type and will be in the issue of February 4th which I hope will not be too late as you suggest. If this is not satisfactory to you please let me know although it is too late now to take the matter out of the paper.

Yours very sincerely,

WCP*E

January 21, 1932.

Mr. Charles G. Sterling,
9551 Ward Avenue,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Sterling:

I do not see how it is possible for us to find and send you the article printed, as you say, some twenty years ago. We would be very glad to do so but our force is too small for our work and we have no complete index. I am very sorry that I cannot comply with your request. If it were possible, I would do so most gladly.

Yours very sincerely,

M.OR*E

January 21, 1932.

Mr. William Sidebotham,
Bay City,
Michigan.

My dear Mr. Sidebotham:

I have your letter of January 19th. You suggest a very interesting subject. The article I printed came from an old friend. I was not wholly pleased with it but because of a long standing friendship I printed it. He is a noble, devoted man and after keeping the paper a long time I knew its printing would please him. Perhaps those reasons were not sufficient but they seemed so to me.

I think the attitude you take relative to the Fatherhood of God is correct. I never believed nor taught that God is the Father of all men in any sense. Phillips Brooks made that doctrine popular. He was a good man and a great preacher but, like the rest of us, he made a mistake at one point. Indeed, in his day he was often accused of stepping aside from the Gospel. My old father never accepted him at all although I always found much in his sermons which I enjoyed.

I will see if it is possible to print such an article as you suggest.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

January 21, 1932.

Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D.,
Christian Observer,
412 S. 3rd Street,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. Sweets:

I was myself quite amazed at the newspaper notice of the very informal address which I gave to the Presbyterian Ministers' Association. Strange to say, though I glance over the daily papers, I did not see the report itself but I have heard from it through at least twenty persons. The address was informal and without much preparation and I have no copy whatever. I am sorry that I cannot send it to you.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

9551 Ward Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.
Jan. 19, 1932

The Presbyterian,
Phila., Pa.,

Dear Friends:

I write to make a request for reference to an article in your paper of years ago - perhaps as much as 20 yrs. I really cannot expect you to fulfill this request, unless you have quite an elaborate system of indexing single articles, which perhaps is too much to expect.

During Dr. Kennedy's Editorship an article appeared (not editorial, I think) which threw new (to me) light on the much used

and much abused incident connected with Galileo's famous asseveration re our planet's movement and the persecution endured by him. The facts stated were helpful in meeting current criticism of Bible faith & its consistency with true science. I cannot use these facts now, because uncertain as to the perfect accuracy of my recollection.

I have read The Presbyterian for some 60 years.

With best wishes,

Chas G. Sterling

Bay City, Mich
Jan 19. 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor of Presbyterian,

My Dear Brother,

I am glad that you are editor of Presbyterian which I have read ever since suspension of Herald & Presbyter which I read mostly since 1888. I do not always agree with you, but I always admire you.

You recently ~~had~~ gave us an article written by a good man on the Fatherhood of God. I have no adverse criticism of said article. But when I read the heading I hoped to see something else. I wish you yourself would give an editorial - or a longer article on the Fatherhood of God, telling us the meaning of the

title. I dare not be too dogmatic. But I can trust you. Are there not three kinds of fatherhood?

1 = By actual generation?
Does not God have one - only one - son in this sense - "only begotten son"?

2 = By adoption?
Does not Paul teach that some are adopted sons? Might we not also say that they are sons by regeneration?

In this sense of God's fatherhood is he the father of any unregenerate? I know not.

3 = Is there a sense in which he is the father of all mankind

Does the Bible anywhere teach that God is the father of all men in any sense?

I have used my concordance & I cannot find one text (can you?) in which he is called the father of all men. Paternoster in both Mt & Luke & the whole sermon on the mt was spoken to "his disciples." I find no exception to this in either gospel or epistle unless it be where in John Jesus says "The Father". I wish you would explain "the Father". It is not "your father" or "our father". Explain "the Father".

Is God the father of all men by creation? I dare not dispute

this, much less dare I deny it.
But what does this amount to? Is the brotherhood thus constituted simply the brotherhood of man? Out of this question comes a couple of queries. (1) Are not some of these sons called the children of your father the devil? And (2) does not this brother-thum creation — take in all beasts + birds + fishes &c &c.

I know that my notions are crude. Will you not write an article on the Fatherhood of God dealing with my problems?

Yours, an old, retired, Board of Relief brother,

Wm Sidebotham

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Rev. W.C. Robinson, D.D.
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

A few days ago I saw in one of our exchanges, a statement that you had read a paper recently before some organization on "The Church Press." I am much interested in seeing a copy of it and will be grateful if you can send it to me. Perhaps it was published somewhere or you may have had carbon copies made for the press.

With grateful appreciation of your kindness, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

DMS/D

David M. Sweets

January 19, 1932.

Mr. Walter Rogers,
Men's Clothing,
Strawbridge and Clothier,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check as I promised you. This is for the suit purchased yesterday, vest and two pairs of trousers to be delivered tomorrow at The Bellerich, Southeast Corner 15th and Spruce Streets.

Yours,

WCR*E

735 = 4th Ave North

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Jan 15 - 32

Dear Court:

Here we are, back in the same old apartment, and there are plenty where to be had at greatly reduced prices, Meals at the Cafetarias are cheaper that a year ago, Think of coming from a Pullman diner and getting a breakfast at a fine Cafetaria Egg. Bacon, toast. Coffee - 20 cents! You feel as if you had gotten into a new world, Looking like so many here and all are trying to get hold of what are here. One owner of nice apartments said he was trying to get enough to pay taxes, We got here yesterday morning, Thermometer yesterday was Eighty. Our friends here say that the winter so far has been beautiful,

Wish you would change address of my Presbyterian from Gouverneur, to the above address. Warm regards to both from both.

Cordially,

Will

January 14, 1932.

Miss Mabel M. Sheibley,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Sheibley:

I shall be very happy to receive The Spotlight and we will print from it all for which we have space. It has not been sent to us by anyone else.

Yours very sincerely,

Editor.

WCR*E

January 14, 1932.

Rev. Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.,
Gouverneur,
New York.

My dear "Andy",

I have received the enclosed which you will understand. I am told that the book was received and the records show it was sent on to you. These authors get very restless.

Please extend my cordial greeting to Lewis Anderson. I wish I might have the privilege of baptizing the boy as I did with three Skinner children and if there is any child in which I think I have an interest it is this same Lewis Anderson.

We hope Mary is coming on finely and I know that you will give her our love. Also, to Mrs. Lewis and accept much for yourself.

Cordially yours,

WCR*E

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

DIVISION OF
GENERAL PROMOTION

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

January 13, 1932

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am not sure how wide Dr. McLean's circulation of The Spotlight is, so do not know whether you received a copy of the enclosed or not. However, it seemed to me good material for your page, "The Field is the World", and so am sending it on to you, not guaranteeing that since Dr. McLean distributes it it will not be used elsewhere.

However, we shall not send it out from this office until we find whether you wish to use it or not.

Cordially,

Robert M. Sheibley

Director of
Education & Publicity

MMS:mc

95 Rowley St
Gouverneur, N.Y.

June 8 - 32

Dear Court;

Are glad you had the hunger. I have had a hunger to get one of your chatty, interesting letters for a long time. It did me good to hear from you, I wish I could have a day with you for an old time visit. One can not always write with the same freedom one can talk. The day you listened to Dr Morgan I read one of his sermons to this folks. He certainly is a great preacher. If the pulpits of America were filled with men like him I believe we would have a different citizenship - a different social complexion. I have been reading "Whither Christianity" and if the mass of ministers were like the men who have contributed to that book I think I could make a good guess "whither" on the rocks. And I read the "Christian Century." It stirs my righteous indignation but I want to know what the "other fellows" are saying. It has been running a series on the "Future of Religion", or something like that. Thirty articles I think so far. Some of them have been of the rankest rank, robbing Jesus Christ of all his glory and making the Bible fit their various philosophies. And nearly all of them enough to make a man of any faith hot under the collar. I think the Editor searched this Country and Europe for men who would go the limit,

And the pity is it has a big circulation — altogether too many like me, or I suppose vast numbers like what it gives. I sometimes think it ought not be signified with the name of "Religious Paper", some contrast to one you get out. What in the world is the matter with the directors! To my mind it is the best family Religious paper coming into Presbyterian homes today. The pity is it does not get into enough and not read enough. It is so far ahead of what Kennedy and particularly Craig put out that they are not to be compared. Don't let the directors induce you to change it. If they are wise they will leave you where you are. You are quite a kid — 66 and I beyond that — a long ways 75! — keep at it till your 80.

Yes Sherman is in Berlin. It is all new and he likes it immensely. Said in Princeton he knew before the lecture what the position of Prof would. Now he listens to see and then feels he wants to look it up and see if he is right, so he says it is stimulating. Robert never was quite so choppy as he is now. Finds it a little hard sledding after being out six years but thinks he is gradually getting back into the study habit. Yes Rhoda is home. None of the graduates had an opportunity offered them. She is the leading soprano — solo soprano — in choir and gets five dollars a Sunday. She is getting quite rich. She is Supt of Biguenere Dept. We have our reservations for next Tuesday when we expect to start for St Petersburg, Fla. Will write when get located for the paper. They tell me Mary's baby is a darling. We expect to see him tomorrow. Warmest regards to best from best Will

Florence, Penna.
Dec. 14th 1911

Rev. Wm. Hartland Robinson Ph.D.
Phila. Penna.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I want to thank you for [illegible] my letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I am enclosing another which you may find the space for if you think it will help any.

These are [illegible] [illegible] in which to [illegible] the greatest [illegible] in my [illegible] [illegible].

Wishing you the compliments of the season I am

Sincerely yours,

Box 36 Wilson Scott,

January 7, 1932.

Mr. William L. Strong,
93 College Avenue,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mr. Strong:

May I thank you most sincerely for your encouraging letter of January 6th. There are many men like you, deeply fixed in their convictions and I believe correct in their beliefs, who are suffering as you are. I get letters to that effect very frequently. The Church seems to have gone over wholly to something else than preaching the Gospel as it was given to us in the New Testament. I thank you very much for your letter and it will be a salve against some criticisms which I receive.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

WILLIAM LORD STRONG
93 COLLEGE AVENUE
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Jan. 6th. 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Care The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I think that I owe it to you to tell you how helpful I find many of your editorials in The Presbyterian. I am a retired manufacturer--have been for many years an elder in the old Presbyterian church of this city. I seem to find myself at times a hopeless minority in our Session on many matters affecting the spiritual life of our church. There seems to be, in these days, a tendency to assume that people can only be attracted to the church by "novelty services", seeming to forget that the old, old story of God's love, man's need of God and of a Saviour, and the all-sufficient Saviour that we have in Jesus Christ, has today, as ever, the strongest appeal for the sinner.

I like to sit under the preacher who is absolutely sure of the great fundamental truths of Christianity. No interrogation points, as pointed out in the article of E.P.W. in your issue of Dec. 31st.

I merely send you this as a note of appreciation, not, by any chance, for publication.

Most sincerely,

Wm. L. Strong

January 5, 1932.

Rev. John Henry Sanders,
22nd Street and Delmar,
Granite City, Ill.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Permit me to thank you for the letter of December 28th which I have in my hands. It is going to be a hard job to reduce the number of salaried men in our denomination most of whom, in my judgment, are very useless but the Boards seem to have control of the General Assembly and can get most anything through. Your own synod, as you say, spending $16,000 a year is in my opinion all wrong.

The trouble is partly that both the Boards and the General Council carry on what they call "promotion work." In my opinion, the work is valueless or largely so and certainly it ought to be done either by the Council or by the Board. Dr. Mudge, the Stated Clerk and Moderator, has expressed agreement with me in that opinion but these men are on salary and naturally do not want to give it up. Many of them are getting more than they ever received as pastors and some of them failed utterly in pastoral work. The only way to get at this thing is to be careful in selecting commissioners to the General Assembly. I hope for the next Assembly every presbytery will send its wise, sane men determined to cut down the expenses of our Boards and agencies. One example comes to my mind, a gentle now venerable and a very delightful Christian gentleman who has never had $2500 as a yearly salary in all his life. He now holds a position with $6,000 salary and over $3,000 office expense and his own travelling expenses in addition. I know how it came about. He has a brother who is very influential in the high circles of our Church. The man himself is delightful but he is now getting this big salary and will soon retire on a pension which will be as large as he ever received in his active work. I do not know how we can get out of this thing without making a personal attack which always brings many defenders. I would not say that anyone does this purposely but the fact is that it is being done and the ordinary ministers and elders of the Church must somehow stop it.

I started to write simply to thank you for your kind letter. I understand your perplexity relative to supporting our benevolent enterprises. I had it when a pastor and I did not support all of them very greatly.

Very sincerely yours,

WCR*E

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First Presbyterian Church

JOHN HENRY SANDERS. MINISTER

Twenty-Second and Delmar, Granite City, Ill.

December 28, 1931.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Enclosed is my check for $2.00, amount due on subscription to the Presbyterian.

Let me commend you for your excellent work in your field. I regard the Presbyterian as one of the outstanding religious weekly of the country. I like its thoroughly evengelical position. You are to be commended for your fidelity in the matter of "airing" the growing of overhead autocracy and expenditures in our denomination.

It is my honest conviction that one fourth of the employees of the various agencies of our church could be dropped without serious loss to the cause. For instance, what do our synodical secretary and their staff accomplish that could not be done through the channels of the presbytery? In my own synod $16,000 per year is required to maintain our staff and central offece. The General Council, judging from the voluminous mail and pamphlets with which they bombard pastors, conferences sponsored in different sections of the country etc., has little or no conception of economy.

Personally I find myself in an embarassing position. I want to be loyal to all the benevolent enterprises of the church; as a Presbyterian minister I must be loyal. However I have some serious scruples about urging my people, whose incomes have been materially reduced, to sacrifice while those who determine our denominational policy live and travel in luxury. I feel that I dare not let my personal convictions concerning unwaranted extravagence stand in the way of the support which my church owes to our great missionary enterprises and yet, I do not want to be a cog in the wheel to maintain the status quo of our present day machine.

Perhaps this financial slump will do for us what argument and ligislation under normal times would fail to do. "Necessity is the mother of invention." Certainly a growing overhead expense cannot long endure with a seriously reduced income in the local churches of our denomination.

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This letter is not for publication but simply to say "AMEN" to what you are saying from week to week in a more effective way than I could possibly say it.

Cordially yours,

John Henry Sanders

LEMUEL B. SCHOFIELD
DIRECTOR

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Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia

My dear Doctor:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 31st and for your expressions of appreciation of the work of this Department during the years which I have been Director.

With kindest personal regards, and very best wishes for 1932,

Sincerely yours,

LEMUEL B. SCHOFIELD
Director

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